

REMARKS

Claims 1-20, 21-30, 34, 35, 38-90, 93-97, 101-112, 116-122, 124, 125, and 127-129 are pending. By this amendment, claims 117 and 118 are cancelled. No new matter is introduced. Reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiner Koenig for indicating that claims 1-20, 23-30, 34, 35, 38-90, 93-97, 101-112, 116, 119-122, 124, 125, and 127-129 are allowed.

On page 4 the Office Action rejects claims 117 and 118 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,463,585 to Hendricks et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,105,060 to Rothblatt. This rejection is respectfully traversed.


By this amendment, claims 117 and 118 are cancelled. Hence, the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 117 and 118 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner determine that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, caused by this filing to Deposit Account Number 50-2849.

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